

## IMPAGVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR JANUARY 25

#### PETER STANDS UP FOR TRUTH AND HONESTY.

LESSON TEXT—ACTS 4:1-18.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Lying lips are  
abomination to the Lord; but they that  
deal truly are his delight.—Prov. 12:22.  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Ez. 30:16;  
Prov. 11:1; Matt. 6:24; Gal. 6:7; 1 Eph.  
4:15, 26, 30.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—Telling the Truth.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Two Disciples and  
What Because of Them.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Folly and Sinfulness of Lying.

In this lesson we see the new community now called "the church" (v. 11) vindicated. In the boldness of Peter and John we see that the break with Judaism has come—the authority of the Sanhedrin is repudiated with the determination on the part of the disciples to be led by the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason that the body now gets the name "church." Since the break has come it must be shown to be a holy body; it must have recognition as being sacred. The sanctity of the tabernacle is transferred to the new body, which is God's dwelling place (Eph. 2:19-22). The church itself, as well as the people about, did not know this until God's judgment burst forth.

#### I. Characteristics of the Primitive Church (4:31-35).

1. It was a praying church (v. 31). For every want and every need they betook themselves to God in prayer.
2. It was a Spirit-filled church (v. 31). A praying church is a Spirit-filled church. The Spirit is given in an ever to prayer (Luke 11:13).
3. It was a church which had great boldness in preaching the Word of God (v. 31). The minister in a Spirit-filled church will not offer an apology for the Bible, but will fearlessly preach it.
4. It was a united church (v. 32). They were "of one heart and one soul."
5. It was a charitable and generous church (v. 32). As needs arose supplies were given from a common fund.
6. Its ministers had a powerful testimony (v. 33). For "great grace was upon them all."
7. It was a church whose membership exhibited unblemished characters (v. 33). For "great grace was upon them all."

#### II. The Sin of Ananias and Sapphira (v. 1-3).

1. Its occasion (vv. 1, 2). This was their hypocritical imitation of the generous act of Barnabas (4:36, 37). Because of the peculiar distress of the early church when the open rupture was made with Judaism, the members for a time had a "community of goods." This was not universal nor permanent; some continued to own their own homes, as for example John Mark's mother, who used her home in which to entertain Christians. Ananias kept back a part of the money received for his land while pretending to have brought it all. His wife was a partner in it. They wanted the honor of generosity without paying the price. 2. The judgment (vv. 3-10). Ananias allowed Satan to fill his heart and lied to the Holy Ghost in keeping back a part of the price of the land. It was most likely an acted lie. They were not under obligation to sell their land or having sold it, to bring any of the money and place it in the common fund. Peter declared that they were absolutely free to do as they pleased with it. Love of praise is causing many today to make the same dreadful mistake. People are walking in the way of Ananias and Sapphira when they make a profession of religion for temporal gain and pleasure; or even preaching sermons not their own. Frequently men preach the sermons of Moody and Spurgeon without giving credit. Physical death was visited upon Ananias and Sapphira for their sins.

#### III. The Effect (vv. 11-16).

1. Great fear came upon the church and upon all who heard of these things (v. 11). Irreverence is an outstanding sin of this age. The church should be recognized as holy—the very dwelling place of the Most High God.
2. Multitudes of men and women were added to the Lord (v. 14). This caused the fame of Peter to be spread far and wide so that the people were anxious to come under his shadow. Were the holiness of the body of Christ recognized there would be many coming for pardon and salvation.
3. The hypocrites did not dare to join (v. 13). It is interesting to note that this vindication of the holiness of the church did not deter any but hypocrites from joining it. Nothing unhalloved nor any unregenerate person has a place in the church. This applies to our offerings as well as to our person.

#### Daily Prayer.

Oh Lord, we thank thee that men turn to thee; the measure of their need is the measure of thy supply. Let thy spirit dwell in our spirits, and then all shall be well within and peaceful without. We pray thee to give us a fuller and firmer, and more continual, and more vigorous and efficacious confidence in thyself. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Character Building.

Life is mainly an opportunity for character building and testing.

## Night

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TEXT—He then, having received the  
sop, went immediately out: and it was  
night.—John 13:30.

Night brings more than stars. The poets sing of her as "queen," but Scripture has a different meaning for her.

Here a disciple goes out from the presence of his Lord; out from the heart of friends, who but now has dipped with him in the dish in token of friendship; out from the only Savior, whose foreshadowed death is to be a propitiation for all the world; out to betray him into the hands of sinners! And with regard to Judas' sad condition, his awful deed and his terrible doom volumes could say no more than the Spirit of God presses into those four brief words "and it was night." Night for Judas with his back on Christ! Night for the disciple who forsakes the Master's dwelling place! Night, eternal night, for every soul that turns from the Savior!

1.—Dark night in the streets of the Holy City to which the traitor slinks but darker night within upon that traitor's soul. He has turned away from the Light, and he who has inspired the horrible act is the "ruler of the darkness of this world." Night is in harmony with the crime, for at its climax on Golgotha an impenetrable darkness gathers round.

#### Into the Night.

Oh, if ever man had a chance to be saved it was Judas! So near to Christ, yet so far away! Casting out demons in his name, yet hearing at length, "I never knew you." A disciple, but never saved! "I speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, he that eateth with me hath lifted up his heel against me." With the taste of that very love-token still fresh upon his tongue the traitor goes out into the night that is for him so soon to become the "outer darkness" of the night eternal.

2.—"And it was night." Yes, always night away from Christ! "Light of the world" is he and how truly the "light of life" to all who know him! See the contrast between this disciple turned away and that "one of his disciples whom Jesus loved," "leaning on Jesus' bosom," that nameless one who represents them all, for all are alike the objects of his love. This is that "part with him" for which he has cleansed us and to which he invites and welcomes all. The holiest intimacy! The dearest fellowship! No night there! Oh, child of God, beloved disciple, "called unto the fellowship of his Son," to forsake that precious abiding place is night, black night for your soul. Rise up and tell us— you have known one hour of that sweet fellowship with Christ and have learned "the sweetness of the secret of the Lord"—rise up and tell us, if you can, that it is not night away from him. Wandering in the night away from that loving Lord, let not thine eyes become accustomed to the darkness lest thou fall in with his foes and betray him. It is the night that exposes you to deflection and sin and obscures the snares set for your feet. Come back to the Light. Those loving arms that, on that happy day long ago clasped you in their embrace of salvation, are wide open again to receive, and the lips that whispered peace to you are saying "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

#### III.—"And it was night." The words

are prophetic, faintly foreshadowing the doom of those who reject the Lord Jesus.

#### His Back to the Light.

Oh, once-born sinner, soul unsaved, whether in the depths of depravity or walking upon the highest plane of morality and benevolence and fleshly religiousness, you have your back on the Son of God, you have turned away from the Savior. And as Judas went with the tokens of love upon his lips, so have you gone. The hand that was on the cross for your sins gave them to you. And that soul of thine shall go way into the darkness of eternal midnight, abandoned to its self-chosen way and haunted by the memory of that grace and love that it has refused.

"Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman said, "The morning cometh, also the night." Yea, the morning for the saved of the Lord, but for the Christless, the night—night that has no dawning, night to which no day succeeds, but forever and forever night! This is God's message to you: "And it was night," a death-knell whose solemn pealing is but the prelude to the chorus of despair in that "outer darkness."

Oh, accept the Savior now, and come out of the night before that eternal darkness overtakes you. Receive him and he will receive you into everlasting bonds of life eternal, of light and peace.

## CONVENTION GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Big Offer From Coast Metropolis  
Wins Democratic Meet.

### TREATY MADE 1920 ISSUE

Stand by Wilson is Praised by the National Committee—Attacks "Unpatriotic" Senators Who Have Delayed Ratification.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Democratic national committee awarded the party's 1920 national convention, at which a candidate for president will be chosen, to San Francisco.

After 27 votes had been cast, Kansas City and Chicago withdrew and the vote for San Francisco was unanimous. Monday, June 28, was fixed as the convention date.

Isadore B. Dockweiler of California, nominating San Francisco, made a proffer of a guaranteed sum of \$125,000 for expenses, the free use of the municipal auditorium, seating from 15,000 to 18,000, and of additional funds for entertainment purposes.

#### Committee Indorses Treaty.

Resolutions indorsing the treaty of Versailles and denouncing an unpatriotic attitude of senators who would defeat it directly or by nullifying reservations were unanimously adopted by the national Democratic committee.

The "arrogant" Republican leadership of the senate was denounced as having earned the "contempt of the world" by throttling the treaty for seven months, and the senate was called upon to "quit playing politics" with the question of ratification.

Reviewing the legislative record of the two Wilson administrations and the manner in which the war was won, the resolutions also expressed gratification that the president was regaining health after a breakdown "due largely to his efforts for world peace."

Concerning the peace treaty the resolutions said:

"We affirm our approval of the treaty of Versailles, and we condemn as unwise and unpatriotic the attitude of those senators who would defeat its ratification, either directly or by overwhelming it with reservations that are intended to and will have the effect of nullifying it.

"The failure of the senate Republican leaders to offer or to permit consideration of interpretative resolutions that would preserve the general purpose of the treaty and so to permit its ratification condemns them to the criticism of the nation and to the contempt of the world."

#### Tells of Depression in 1913.

The resolutions said that when the Democrats came into power in 1913 they found "the nation in a condition of comparative industrial and commercial depression" and with "the banking system in the hands of a few men at whose will panics periodically occurred." It was added that "these and other ills had existed for 16 years under Republican rule without any relief."

"To remedy this condition," the resolutions continued, "the Democratic administration entered immediately upon a vigorous constructive program," adding that establishment of the federal banking system "entitles the party to the everlasting gratitude of the country, while the farm loan banking system gave to our agricultural interests the relief long demanded by them."

The resolutions then referred to enactment of the law giving "the people the right to elect their United States senators by popular vote" and said the party had "enfranchised the women and for the first time gave labor the fair showing to which it was entitled."

Referring to the avowed objects of the country's participation in the war, the resolutions continued:

"A treaty to this end was negotiated, and for seven months it has been throttled by the misused Republican leadership of the senate, that is so arrogant that it even refuses to let the senators of its own party who desire to have the treaty ratified with certain reservations that seem reasonable to them to vote accordingly, and to make at least a start toward world peace."

As a result, the resolutions said, "conditions are unsettled, a definite proclamation of the end of the war is delayed." It declares that had the treaty been ratified "with reasonable promptness the world would now be engaged in the fruitful work of reconstruction."

"We join," said the resolutions, "the demand of the pulpits of the country and of its agricultural, industrial, and commercial organizations of America that the senate quit playing politics with this sacred question and give to the world the word that America is ready to at least make a trial for universal peace."

#### Bandit's Bullet Fatal to Policeman.

Denver, Jan. 9.—Policeman James Boggio died in the county hospital here from wounds received while policemen were battling with Adrian Thompson, a youth whom the officers sought to arrest as a bandit suspect. Thompson was killed by Boggio, but inflicted wounds on the policeman which proved fatal.

## BOLSHEVIKI TAKE 60,000 IN SIBERIA

Crush and Capture Remnant of  
Three Armies.

### TWO MORE TOWNS ARE TAKEN

Offensive Against British Begins as  
Reds Enter Bokhara—Swarms of  
Propagandists Sent Into Persia  
With Counterfeit Money.

London, Jan. 10.—The town of Krasnoyarsk, eastern Siberia, has been captured by the bolsheviki, according to a Moscow wireless dispatch. "The remnants of the First, Second and Third enemy armies have surrendered and 60,000 prisoners already have been counted," says the dispatch.

Bokhara, capital of the important khanate of Bokhara in central Asia and less than 200 miles from the Afghanistan frontier, has been entered by bolsheviki forces, according to war office reports. Further west soviet troops have occupied Krasnovodsk on the eastern shore of the Caspian sea. It is claimed in reports from Moscow.

#### Assembled in Turkistan.

Direct railway communication between Trans-Caspia and European Russia has been secured by the reds, who will be able to concentrate important bodies of troops in Turkistan with a view to carrying out possibly far-reaching plans westward toward the Caucasus region and southward toward Persia (now virtually a British protectorate) and Afghanistan, it is said.

Bolsheviki authorities have announced their intention to penetrate Persia by way of Khorassan as soon as they secure control of the Caspian sea, and recent reports have indicated that soviet caravans along the Khorassan frontier had been heavily re-enforced.

#### Plan Drive on British.

The bolsheviki have as their ulterior purpose an offensive against the British and plan important movements in the direction of India in conjunction with the Afghans and other peoples who might be influenced by pan-Islamic aspirations, it is asserted.

For this purpose swarms of propaganda agents are said to be undergoing intensive training, and may have been sent into Persia and the Caucasus, being provided with large supplies of counterfeit soviet money. It is reported 1,500 soviet agents have gone into Persia from Georgia and Azerbaijan and anti-bolsheviki authorities have taken steps to put a stop to this movement.

News has reached London from British sources in Irkutsk that 9,000 anti-Kolchak insurgents are holding Irkutsk, eastern Siberia. They are armed with machine guns and have airplanes and are constantly being re-enforced.

### GRANGE FOR ANTISTRIKE ACT

Farmers' Body Will Present Result of  
Referendum to Cummings of Sen-  
ate Committee.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Results of the recent referendum in the National Grange on the antistrike provisions of the Cummings railroad bill will be presented to Chairman Cummings of the senate interstate commerce committee today by the grange's executive committee. It was announced that so far as heard from the results of the referendum were unanimously in favor of retaining the antistrike clause. The committee also will present the views of the farmers' organization on packing legislation to Chairman Griggs of the senate agriculture committee. These views are expressed in a tentative bill prepared for presentation to the senate. It provides for strong government control of the packers to be administered by a national food commission.

### WILSON AND BRYAN BREAK

Commoner Urges Compromise on  
Treaty, While President Advocates  
Form of Referendum.

Washington, Jan. 8.—William J. Bryan split openly with President Wilson at the Jackson dinner here on the question of whether the Democratic party should make the League of Nations an issue at the next election.

The former secretary of state said the Democrats could not go before the country on the issue and that they must accept such compromises as may be possible.

President Wilson, in his message to the diners, had said that "the clear and single way out" was to give the election the form of a referendum on the treaty.

### CARPENTIER TO FIGHT IN U. S.

Manager of French Champion Accepts  
Bid of Coffroth—Would Limit  
Bout to 15 Rounds.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Descamps, manager for Georges Carpentier, wired James Coffroth, manager of the Tia Juana race track, last evening, accepting the latter's terms for a championship bout between Carpentier and Dempsey in America. The only exception taken was relative to the length of the battle, Carpentier being unwilling to fight over 15 rounds and favoring 10 rounds.

### KENTUCKY NEWS (Continued from page one)

Maysville.—The river is filled with floating ice, and many boats have been compelled to seek harbor.

Carlisle.—Leonard Irwin, a farmer, fell on ice at his barn near Moorefield, this county, and broke his leg.

Maysville.—Children of the public schools will be required to weigh each morning upon arrival at school, and health charts will be kept.

Frankfort.—The report of the Insurance Department shows receipts of \$2,149,207 for the past six months, with annual expenditures of about \$25,000.

Wheelwright.—Mrs. Charles Brown, 21, bride of two months, died in an Evansville hospital from burns received when her clothing caught fire from a grate.

Winchester.—The Supreme Court decided that Winchester had no authority to pass an ordinance fixing the maximum price for water furnished for private use.

Cattlettsburg.—Gilbert Lee was held to the grand jury under \$5,000 bond, being accused severely of stealing whisky, taking an automobile and robbing Hite's store.

Henderson.—Judge Dorsey charged the grand jury to return indictments against officers as well as gamblers, if it appeared that the former had knowledge of gambling.

Newport.—An explosion of gas that had accumulated in a closed room at the home of Charles Deitz blew out one side of the house and seriously injured A. C. Stanley.

Newport.—Cracksmen who secured \$425 at the Kentucky laundry blew the safe door entirely off, but those who heard the report believed it to be a bursting auto tire.

Versailles.—The will of Mrs. Davidella George leaves her estate to the Chicago Hebrew Mission and the Moody Bible Institute, after minor bequests to kinspeople.

Murray.—M. S. Doyle has gone to a specialist in Nashville, having been shot in the eyes when the gun of A. Wilcox was discharged accidentally while they were hunting.

Covington.—The Federated Welfare Association has served notice that it will join any attempted increase in the city's floating debt until \$681,000 outstanding is liquidated.

Cecilia.—J. E. Nelson, Memphis, Pullman conductor, stumbled over a pile of mail sacks and fell under a train, his foot being so severely crushed that amputation was necessary.

Booneville.—John Mainous, whose fifteen children helped him celebrate his 70th birthday, has never been sick since a child, has never had tooth trouble, and has made sixty-five crops.

Henderson.—With breweries, Henderson citizens are speculating on what is to become of the city jail under prohibition, there having been no prisoners to lock up for two weeks.

Lexington.—Six girls, oldest 17, who escaped from their dormitory at the School of Reform, were taken by officers as they were enroute to Georgetown on foot, after temporary concealment here.

Winchester.—Immediate destruction of dogs on which licenses have not been paid is the warning of Sheriff H. C. Hodgkin to tax owners.

Whitesburg.—Charles Blain received injuries which are expected to prove fatal from a slate fall in mines of the Whitesburg Coal Company.

Maysville.—James Horner, of Serpent's Hill, sold seventeen pelts of foxes he had trapped on the local market, receiving \$15 each for grey hides.

Russellville.—James C. Edwards, descendant of Ninian Edwards, first governor of Illinois, died at his home here after an illness of several months.

Morgantown.—The body of Reid Mayfield, 25, son of Judge Mayhugh, burned to death in a garage fire at Indianapolis, was brought home for burial.

Corbin.—A mild case of smallpox in the family of the janitor of the city school caused a recess of four days, during which vaccination has been general.

Danville.—The fiscal court has decided to connect Harrodsburg with the federal road to pass through Danville in 1921, when financial difficulties will have been removed.

Owingsville.—Allen & Mauley have filed suit against the C. & O. railroad for \$5,141, alleging that 30,371 pounds of turkeys shipped from Preston spoiled before reaching Boston by reason of delay in transit.

Hodgenville.—Overseas service is believed to have unbalanced the reason of Hobart Kennedy, 20, who tied his rifle to a post, pushed the trigger with a forked stick and sent a bullet through his heart.

Whitesburg.—News from Fleming tells of another shooting in which an

Italian miner, named CONE ALEXANDER, was shot and almost instantly killed by a colored miner, whose name is not known here.

Elizabethtown.—M. C. Triplett has bought the interest of H. A. Viers in 890 acres of rosewood timber in Northern California, and foresters declare some of the trees were standing when Columbus discovered America.

Winchester.—The court required an indemnity bond of \$500 in ordering the warring factions of the Church of the Living God to occupy the church alternate weeks, the rival preachers to turn over the keys every Friday.

Paris.—Suits aggregating \$10,000 were filed against H. B. Pence, farmer, who, following his disappearance, wrote back that his body would be found near Louisville, which city he subsequently left.

Flemingsburg.—As the result of a sale of tobacco, J. A. Denton sues Sam Perkins for \$700, profits over an upset price of 35 cents, and Mark Hendricks sues the Burley Warehouse for \$500 as profits above a certain figure in buying it.

### HOW HAILSTONES ARE FORMED

According to Theory, Electrical Action  
Is Responsible for Storms That  
Frequently Do Damage.

The formation of hail through electrical action, according to one theory, is an interesting and even wonderful process. The wind draws out a cloud into a long, narrow strip. In that form, owing to the great amount of surface exposed to the air, the cloud evaporates rapidly, producing intense cold.

Dry particles of snow are then formed, and these, by friction with the water drops, quickly become charged with negative electricity. But the water drops carry positive electricity, and since negative attracts positive a film of water is formed upon each snow particle and is instantly frozen into a layer of thin ice.

At this thickness its outer surface remains moist, the water not freezing so rapidly there, whereupon the electrical charge changes from negative to positive and the particle is repelled by the water drops and driven to the outer parts of the cloud. Here the increased cold covers it with snow, and friction charges it anew with negative electricity.

Repulsion is now once more changed for attraction, and the particle rushes back into the cloud, receiving upon its surface another film of water, which is turned into a second ice layer.

Thus the growing hailstone darts zig-zag through the cloud, piling up its alternate layers of snow and ice, until gravitation gains control and sends it with a jingling crowd of its fellows spinning to the ground.

### MAUDE POWELL IS DEAD

Well-Known Violinist Succumbs in  
New York While on Concert Tour  
—Overwork Caused Collapse.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—Maude Powell, well-known violinist of New York, died here while on a concert tour. Overwork is thought to have caused her collapse which came suddenly.

#### The Crow Family.

The crow family is placed by ornithologists at the head of the bird world as being more highly organized than any other. Linnaeus gave the post of honor to the eagles, because of their kingly quality of rapacity, but two great authorities, Professor Parker and Professor Newton, agreed in assigning the highest place to the corvidae.



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